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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANT : GREGORY M. MAROCCO

SERIAL NO.: 09/135,804

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EXAMINER: H. TRAN

FOR : CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND RESONATOR COMBINATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 15, 1999, the time for responding thereto being on or before February 15, 2000.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, line 2, after "shell", insert --(i.e., a one piece unit)--.

Page 11, line 14, after "harmless products.", insert the sentences --While conventional mufflers typically degrade or rust from the inside out due to moisture and condensation, the catalytic converter and resonator combination of the present invention produces higher temperatures, thus negating the collection of